if no action has been taken, whether the Government intends to take any step in this matter in the near future ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

The question of connecting the Counooly canal with the Vettikadavu canal between Kunnamkulam and Palanji for navigation purposes is being investigated.

The Condition of the road leading from Akkikkavu to Palanji.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

74. Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation has been made to the Government regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the road leading from Akkikkavu to Palanji and whether any active step has been taken to improve the condition of the road referred to?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Yes, the road in question is only a 3rd class one with an allotment of Rs. 150 per mile. Metal collection on this road has been recently completed, and the best use will be made of the metal to put the road in order.

Communications in the Vellarappalli Constituency.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

75. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) How many canals cut across the road that runs from Chowwara *via* Kanjur to Malayattur ?

(ii) Whether there is any other road connecting the villages of Chowwara, Vadakkumbhagam, Kizhakkumbhagam and Malayattur ?

(iii) What will roughly be the cost of constructing a bridge over the Chengal canal ?

(iv) Whether the Government have ever considered the question of constructing a bridge over the Chengal canal ?

(v) If the Government have considered the question, what is their decision ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON

(i) Five. One of these cuts the road belonging to Travancore.

(ii) None except the one mentioned above. There are the Kanjur road and the Vallam road touching Vadakkumbhagam and Kizhakkumbhagam and the road from Angamali crosses the main road.

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(iii) Rs. 50,000.

(iv) & (v). The question has been under Government's consideration, but no decision has been arrived at owing to the cost involved.

The Narakkal-Malippuram and Nayarambalam canals.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

76. Will the Government be pleased to state how far the works of the Narakkal-Malippuram canal and the canal in the Nayarambalam village have progressed? Will the Government kindly see that the canals are finished this year?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(1) The Narakkal-Malippuram canal :—Land acquisition is completed and levels are taken for starting the work.

(2) The canal in the Nayarambalam village :—

The necessary sites promised by the owners free of cost for the work have not yet been handed over to the Public Works Department. The Revenue Department is attending to it. The work will be started soon after the sites are surrendered. Judging from the difficulty in getting the lands, it may not be possible to complete the work this year.

The Pottery works at Chalakkudi.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

77. (a) Will the Government kindly state why the Pottery Work was closed?

(b) In this connection, will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that the Government Soap Factory at Calicut was working at a loss for years?

(c) Is the Government convinced that the Pottery Work will not be successful? If it is so, will the Government kindly state the expert opinion it obtained before the closing of the work was ordered?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 30.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Vide answer to question No. 30.

The Cost of Bamboos.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എൻ. ഇട്ടിരവിനമ്പൂരി.

78. (a) സർക്കാർ മലകളിൽ നിന്ന് മുള മുറിക്കുന്നതിൽ കോൾ കൃഷി ക്കാരോട് സർക്കാർ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന കൂറിക്കാണത്തിന്റെ നിരക്ക് എന്താണ്?

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